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If more than one search is submitted, please prioritize searches in order of need.

Provide the PALM Bib page or the following:

Title of Invention: Internet Procurement Method

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Earliest Priority Filing Date: 09/06/2000

Requested attachments:

- If possible, provide the cover sheet, the IDS, examples, or relevant citations, authors, etc, if known.
- Please attach copies of the parts of this case that help explain or are most pertinent to this search. Examples are:
abstract, background, summary, claim(s) [not all of the claims].

The claimed or apparent novelty of the invention is:

A method for ordering goods through the Internet is presented. The method comprises determining the user's specific procurement process, e.g., by an inventory of the user's facility, by an audit of the user's procurement records and/or by querying the user's personnel involved with the procurement process. Once the procurement process is determined, data indicative of the procurement process is input into a content database. A web site is hosted, which is operative with the computer program and the content database, the web site being accessible via the internet through a communications device. An electronic order form is stored in the memory, the order form being unique to the user, and operative with the computer program and the content database, such that the order form lists goods that meet the requirements of the identified procurement process of the user.

This search should focus on: (Also include keywords or synonyms)

determining customer's procurement process
database
network or Internet or Web site
on-line service provider
storing or saving electronic order form
security/access control
procurement process specific to the user
displaying electronic order form to user
receiving inputs/an order from the user
processing the order

Special Instructions or Other Comments

What is claimed is:

Independent Claims 1, 15, 19, 21:

- determining the user's specific procurement process;
- inputting data indicative of the procurement process of the user into a content database;
- hosting a web site operative with the computer program and the content database, the web site being accessible via the internet through a communications device;
- storing an electronic order form in the memory, the order form being unique to the user, and operative with the computer program and the content database, such that the order form lists goods that meet the requirements of the specific procurement process of the user;
- accessing the content database through the web site;
- using a security protocol for identifying the user in response to the user accessing the web site by providing identification signals thereto unique to the user, the identification signals cooperating with the security protocol;
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- displaying the electronic order form unique to the user as a web page on the web site in response to the identification signals identifying the user;
- receiving order signals from the user through the communications device indicative of filling in an order on the order form; and
- processing the order;